held on 14-15 July, 2005. It has been decided that the draft bill would be prepared taking into account the views expressed in the meeting by the various members, and circulated to all the State Governments and placed on the website for wider consultation. Based on all these imputs and after consideration by the Government, action would be taken to give the Bill a final shape for introduction in the Parliament at the earliest.

Universities not complying with prescribed norms

†680. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Universities are not complying with the prescribed norms;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite that these are being provided with annual grants;

(d) if so, the names of such Universities; and

(e) the action to be taken by Government against such Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has not received any complaint regarding gross violation of UGC prescribed norms in respect of Universities.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Realisation of fees from students

†681. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a High Powered Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended to Government that only

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20 to 25 per cent of the total expenditure should be raised as fees from the students;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many institutions are realizing more fees contrary to the said recommendation; and

(c) if so, the names of such institutes and the courses being conducted therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Financing of Higher and Technical Education has recommended that revenue generation through student fees beyond 20 percent may seriously affect access to higher education.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the institutions of higher learning in the country have a variable fee structure which differs from institution to institution.

Child marriage

†682. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that Supreme Court has directed all the Superintendents of Police and District Magistrates to check effectively the increasing number of child marriages; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the details of the action being taken by Government in co-operation with the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Hon'ble supreme Court directed the Collectors and Superintendents of Police of all the Districts in the States on 28.2.2005 to make endeavor to prevent child marriages as far as possible and preferably in cases where mass marriages take place.

(b) The Government have taken several measures to prevent child marriages in the country. These include the following:

* State Governments have been asked for strict implementation of child Marriage (Restraint) Act, 1929

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